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SUBJ: ECE - STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1. IN STATEMENT AT OPENING OF 30TH SESSION, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK STRESSED ROLE OF ECE IN FOLLOW-UP TO CSCE, RELATION OF ECE TO GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND FUTURE PROGRAMS AND WORK METHODS FOR THE COMMISSION.

2. STANOVNIK EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ECE WILL BE EVEN MORE INDISPENSIBLE THAN IN PAST AS RESULT OF GROWING EAST-WEST COOPERATION AND SPECIFIC RESULTS OF CSCE. AS MANDATE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY HAS EXPANDED IN PAST, HE BELIEVES THIS TREND COULD CONTINUE AS RESULT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS TO MEET EXPANDED NEEDS IN PERIOD OF DETENTE.

3. STANOVNIK PLACED HEAVY EMPHASIS ON NEW PATTERN OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE WITH "ACCESS TO RESOURCES" ASSUMING EQUAL IMPORTANCE WITH "ACCESS TO MARKETS". SINCE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, LIKE PEACE, IS INDIVISIBLE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS OF CONCERN TO ALL. DEVELOPMENT OF THE POOR COUNTRIES CAN HELP TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF BETTER REDISTRIBUTION AND PROBLEM OF

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EMPLOYMENT, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE WITHIN ECE ECONOMIES.

ECE SHOULD DO MORE TO MAKE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER UN BODIES AND PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM NON-ECE COUNTRIES IN WORK OF THE COMMISSION. IN SUM, STANOVNIK CONCLUDES THAT "COOPERATION WITHIN THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE DOVE-TAILED INTO THE STRUCTURE OF A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." HE SUGGETS THAT MEMBERS MAY WISH TO USE THE SECRETARIAT MORE FULLY AS VEHICLE AND LINK BETWEEN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL EFFORTS. THOUGH AN ORDERLY ADJUSTMENT TO THE FACT OF ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE, ECE COUNTRIES COULD AVOID FRUITLESS CONFRONTATIONS AND HELP CONSTRUCT A NEW SYSTEM FOR COOPERATION WITH LDCS.

4. STANOVNIK SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ECE ACTIVITIES REPEAT THOSE CONTAINED IN HIS REPORT (E/ECE/875). STRESS PLACED ON COOPERATION IN LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENT PROJECTS; DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE; JOINT TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH; ECONOMY IN ENERGY AND BASIC MATERIALS.

5. STANOVNIK STATED THAT FIRST TASK FOR COMMISSION TO REEXAMINE AND RESHAPE ITS WORK PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES BEFORE REVISING METHODS OF WORK AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES. HE STRESSED NEED FOR RATIONALIZATION AND ECONOMY IN THE USE OF RESOURCES WITH CONCENTRATION ON PRIORITY PROBLEMS, AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION AND TERMINATION OF UNNECESSARY PROJECTS. PRINCIPAL BODIES SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE IN ADOPTING METHODS AND STRUCTURE TO WORK PROGRAMS.

6. STANOVNIK REITERATED SUGGESTION THAT HIS REPORT AND VIEWS OF 30TH SESSION BE CONSIDERED BY SUBSIDIARY BODIES. THESE BODIES SHOULD REEXAMINE THEIR WORK METHODS AND STRUCTURES. ON THIS BASIS HE COULD PREPARE A MORE CONCRETE REPORT FOR 31ST SESSION AND PROPOSE A PRACTICAL RESHAPING OF WORK PROGRAMS FOR NEXT FIVE OR TEN YEARS. IN MEANTIME, AS CSCE CONCLUDES, HE WOULD ANALYZE IMPLICATIONS

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OF DECISIONS FOR FUTURE WORK SO THAT TIME WOULD NOT BE LOST. IMPLICATIONS OF CSCE RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE EXAMINED AT NEXT SESSION TAKING INTO ACCOUNT REVIEWS BY SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AND SECRETARIAT REPORT AND TAKE FINAL POLICY DECISIONS FOR RESHAPING WORK PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES. HE WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENTS DURING THIS PROCESS.

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